craft. The aircraft did not qualify for detailed evaluation on the basis of the norms adopted.

Construction on Airport at Leng Pui in Mizoram

*285. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
DR. C. SILVERA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mizoram Government propose to construct a new airport/airfield for Boeing 737 at Lengpui;

(b) if so, when this proposal was sent to Government for approval;

(c) whether Government and the National Airports Authority have given their clearance to the project;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(e) whether the Mizoram Government has also asked for funds for the purpose; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (e) The Mizoram Government does not itself propose to construct a new airport at Leng Pui. However, a suggestion has been made to the Central Government for construction of an airfield for Boeing-737 at the same place. The experts of National Airports Authority have visited the site in February, 1988 and submitted its report in March, 1988. The approximate cost for development of the airport would be to the tune of Rs. 30—35 crores, including night landing facilities. The Government has not given any approval to this project.

गंडक नदी पर छितौनी पुल का निर्माण

*286. **श्री शमीम हाशमि** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बिहार के पश्चिमी चंपारन जिले मे गंडक नदी पर छितौनी पुल के निर्माण की योजना कब से लंबित है तथा इस पर अब तक कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है;

(ख) क्या वर्तमान परिप्रेक्ष्य मे उसके प्राक्कलन संशोधित किये गये हैं ; और

(ग) क्या इस बात का ख्याल रखा गया है कि यह रेल पुल बड़ी लाइन के लिए भी उपयोगी हो ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) गंडक नदी पर पुल सहित छितौनी और बगहा के बीच रेल सम्पर्क का निर्माण 1973-74 के रेलवे बजट में शामिल किया गया था। अब तक इस पर 2.48 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किये गये है ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) किये गये अध्ययनों में से एक के रूप में इस पहलू को ध्यान में रखा गया था ।

Irregular flights of Indian Airlines

287. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the flights of Indian Airlines operated irregularly in June and July, 1988;

(b) what is the number of flights which had irregular operation from Delhi and other airports in the country;

(c) what is the number of flights from Delhi which were delayed during the same period;